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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT AS REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 9 OF
REFTEL OF DEPARTMENT BRIEFING PAPER ON FIRST SECRETARY
GIEREK'S MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, OCT 8-10,
1974. IN VIEW OF SCANLON'S PRESENCE WITH CODEL, DEPT DID
NOT GIVE CODEL ADDITIONAL MATERIALS.

2. AS REQUESTED BY SENATOR SCOTT ON JUNE 19, A REVIEW HAS
BEEN MADE OF THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE
POLISH UNITED WORKERS' PARTY, EDWARD GIEREK, WITH MEMBERS
OF THE CONGRESS DURING THE FIRST SECRETARY'S VISIT TO
WASHINGTON OCTOBER 8-10, 1974. THE INFORMATION PRE-
SENTED BELOW IS BACKGROUND FOR A POSSIBLE MEETING
BETWEEN GIEREK AND A CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION UNDER THE
JOINT CHAIRMANSHIP OF SENATORS SCOTT AND HUMPHREY WHICH
WILL VISIT WARSAW ON JULY 4, 1975.

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3. DURING HIS VISIT GIEREK HAD SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES

TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH LEADING MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS. A NUMBER OF CONGRESSMEN WERE PRESENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE

DINNER, AT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LUNCHEON, AT THE POLIS RECEPTION, AT MEETINGS AT BLAIR HOUSE AND DURING THE FIRST SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE CONGRESS ON OCTOBER 9.

4. AT THE CAPITOL, MR. GIEREK MET WITH SPEAKER ALBERT, HOUSE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MORGAN, REPRESENTATIVES ZABLOCKI AND DERWINSKI AND WIT SENATOR EASTLAND IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE SENATE. ADDITIONALLY, HE MET SENATORS MANSFIELD, SCOTT AND HUMPHREY AND NUMEROUS OTHER CONGRESSMEN. THE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE FIRST SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS ARE FOR THE MOST PART NOT ON RECORD, BUT THROUGHOUT HIS WASHINGTON VISIT GIEREK CONCENTRATED ON SEVERAL THEMES: HISTORICAL US-POLISH TIES, BILATERAL RELATIONS (ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC), DETENTE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

5. IN HIS REMARKS AT THE HOUSE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, THE FIRST SECRETARY STRESSED THAT THE GOAL OF HIS VISIT WAS TO CONSOLIDATE THE PROGRESS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS ACHIEVED IN RECENT YEARS AND TO DEVELOP NEW PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT. HE LAID STRESS ON INTENSIFIED ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHICH HE TERMED OF ESSENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO POLAND AND TO HIS PLANS TO PROVIDE A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING FOR THE POLISH PEOPLE. THE FIRST SECRETARY HELD OUT THE PROSPECT OF THE U.S. BECOMING POLAND'S MAJOR WESTERN TRADING PARTNER. HE ALSO ASSESSED THE STATE OF PRESENT BILATERAL POLITICAL RELATIONS AS FAVORABLE, ALLOWING FOR INCREASED CONTACTS BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES, AND FOR MORE OVERALL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND POLAND. INGERSOLL

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